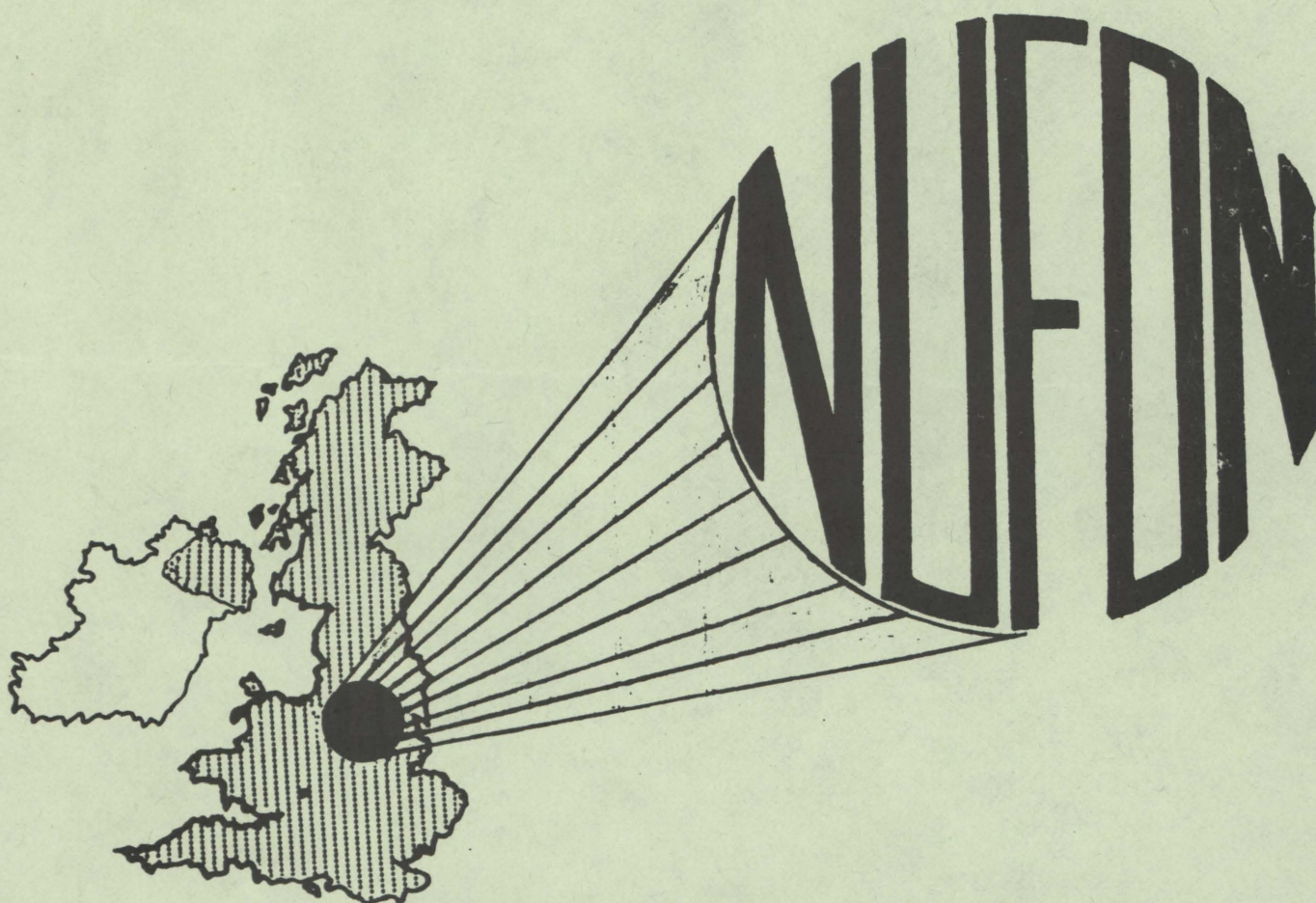


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### EDITORIAL:- The Perils of Publicity

This is something I have talked about before in an editorial (October 1974) and it is no less relevant four years on. After all publicity represents our interface with the world. Ufologists represent a tiny fraction of humanity. It is important to know the view that the rest of the world takes of us. Often we wish we did not know it!

This year has been a big one so far as publicity is concerned, stimulated of course by Spielbergs epic 'Close Encounters etc etc'. We emerged from the earlier forays with the Daily Express & Sun quite well. False hopes about a new understanding of our serious attitudes were awoken. Now journalism is back to its old tricks - using us all for a quick sell, a good story, no matter how we look at the end of it.

In a recent editorial I recounted the story of the Granada TV/Daily Express fiasco over the Stonehenge movie film case. That alone should teach important lessons. Peter Warrington and I still get lambasted over this with comments ranging from Alan Wests published reaction (that he'd like to shoot us with a machine gun!) to the more carefully worded remarks of others that we 'got it all wrong'. Richard Colborne in BUFORA Journal claims that the film obviously shows flares and is not at all happy about my comments in the press that the film probably showed some kind of natural phenomenon (obviously aimed by me to reduce the importance being stressed on the film itself). All I can report of this moment is that we have NOT found any credence to the flares hypothesis and even Dr Paul Davies, who originally championed it on TV, doubts this explanation now. Sorry, Richard, but the film is NOT 'obviously' flares. It might prove to be in the end and on September 1st Peter and I are presenting the film to a gathering of scientists, army experts and such like in London to try to find out once and for all what the film shows.

So it seems strange to me that whilst others sit away from the film proclaiming what it is and isn't we are trying to find out and throughout this affair have tried to publically play down the significance seized upon by the Express and the TV - neither of whom were 'given' the story by us. I defend our actions as being right to appear, comment and fight for the serious side of ufology in this instance. Had we said 'No Comment' or refused to appear on TV they would still have used the story and no doubt found someone only too willing to argue that it showed a spaceship.

As if this were not enough another bombshell burst on the morning of August 23 when Radio 1 in London rang me to ask if they could interview me about 'the article'. Puzzled, but pretending I knew what they were talking about so I could at least find out I discovered that I had been the subject of a feature article in the Daily Mail "The First Lady of Space" viz "Space beings with any sense should land among the daffs at a little house in one of Manchester suburbs...." Apart from having no daffs or even yellowy impersonators and having to explain to the BBC that I could not get into Manchester in 30 minutes because my 'Manchester suburb' was nearer Warrington the story had a few other, let's say, 'slight exaggerations'. It said, most damagingly, that FSR pay me to work for them which is NOT true. Quite where the belief that they did came from I don't know. In fact I met the freelance writer of this piece four months ago when she talked to me and another UFOIN investigator about UFOs in general for a women's magazine feature (she said). I was never at any stage aware of the conception of this article, although it is basically factual. I do now work full time.

I think the warning of all of this speaks for itself. Beware!

Jenny Randles

OUR WEIRD UNIVERSE - most impressive new hardcover book from editor of CNK Ed Harris. At reasonable cost it is a dictionary cum encyclopedia of weird phenomena A-M (N-Z will follow). Highly recommended. More details:- 37 The Close Gt Dunmow Essex.



When you consider the very many theories about UFO origin you will certainly see there is no shortage! These span from the apparently logical ETH (extra-terrestrial hypothesis) to the laughable, yet supposedly serious, 'hole in the pole' with its ludicrous diameter something in excess of 100 miles. But to me the great debate seems to lie between the ETH and the 'psychic' based theories.

It is important to a ufologist not to support any one theory too fanatically, but I suppose if I were honest with myself I would admit to being slightly ETH minded. For some UFOs anyway. The people who argue that brain power creates solid objects go on to define bizarre links with ESP and such faculties. I do not intend to try to explain away such phenomena as poltergeists, but merely throw in a suggestion. That we might in fact be dealing with something no more supernatural than the weather!

At the NUFON meeting staged by FUFOR in Crewe this February there were two lectures, including what I believe was a most important one by Peter Warrington on radar cases. Unfortunately he ran out of time and could not finish it, but is I gather to expand his ideas at the Leicester meeting this month. He brought to light some fascinating facts about radar screens, and his gist was that to cram the amount of detail from an 18" diameter screen (as used for air traffic control) onto a 2" by 4" screen as used in aircraft themselves leaves a lot to be desired. Obviously misidentifications are going to occur. We accept that 90% of UFO events are misidentifications of natural things; clouds, aircraft, balloons etc. What if the other 10% are misidentifications too. Just things that we have not understood yet.

Ball lightning is the classic example. Although still barely understood it is now regarded as something quite natural by science. Obviously it is responsible for some UFO sightings. Now I am no meteorologist so I cannot proclaim that other new electrical phenomena of this nature await discovery, but I can and do suggest it. It seems to me far more logical to say that EM or car stop cases are not the product of alien saucers or psychic interference but merely something quite natural such as a discharge of static electricity from the atmosphere. Diesel vehicles (with no spark plug) are never affected, remember. I cannot see why people jump to such fantastic conclusions such as flying saucers have stopped the car to have a quick peek at its occupants, or (even more incredible) that psychic sabotage of the spark plugs has taken place! To my mind that is utter grabage! The psychic side of UFOs lies on the other side of the astral plane - no further. People may in their imaginations bring astral projections through to the physical plane, but in my opinion real transference does not take place. The two are entirely separate. There is no overlap whatsoever.

Turning back to our electrical phenomenon I think that you will find it can explain a lot more things than you might expect. If it can interfere with car electrical systems, then we have to face the prospect that it can interfere with anything electrical - and that could quite conceivably include the brain (which is a mass of electrical circuits)

The brain is the centre point of the nervous system - the Grand Central station of all our activities. If the phenomenon acts as a scrambler to confuse the brain and provide garbled impressions, nonsensical messages, headaches and in general a feeling of being not too well. Since the brain controls everything a scramble might easily produce burns, nausea - you name it. Maybe we can explain ALL close encounter effects this way.

Physical traces are readily explainable too. Electricity makes heat, causes explosions or implosions. Often physical traces are found in a different spot to where the witness says he saw the UFO. Sometimes the investigator, finding nothing at the site, goes for a quick wander and finds the site of a bonfire held the week before. Hey presto a physical trace, which has nothing to do with the ufo but who cares, is found. We can even explain Vallee's time law this way. Electrical phenomena, EM interference etc peak when the sun is near the horizon.

Maybe this weather phenomenon causes all the effects, appears solid so can be photographed and appear on radar AND scrambles the brain to create illusions that turn a ball of light into an extraterrestrial spaceship.



CHRYSIS was formed in early 1977 from the remnants of the old Cleveland UFO Research Group, but the changes that took place within the group involved more than just a change of name. Between 1974 - 76 the old group had begun to make many contacts with universities both here and abroad. It was decided that CHRYSIS would be more concerned with the analysis of the data collected merely than with just collecting it. Although the group's base remains in Cleveland it draws upon people trained in such disciplines as astronomy, computer science and psychology on a national scale.

We have a reasonably well equipped Mobile Research Unit (MRU) which aids in the collection of raw data. It is hoped we shall be able to improve the very few well documented photographs and observations that exist in ufology. The MRU comprises 3 100mm reflecting telescopes, a 60mm prismatic telescope and 4 35mm cameras with telephoto lenses and polarising filters. One is fitted with a whole sky device that enables sky from horizon to horizon to be photographed. One camera is kept with a standard lense and general purpose b & w film. One is equatorially mounted to achieve smooth tracking and is fitted with a 500mm telephoto lens. It utilises ultra-fast (1000ASA) b & w film. The other is adapted to fit onto any of the telescopes and carries an extremely fine grain colour enhancement film normally used in micro-photography. This enables considerable enlargements to be made without appreciable loss of definition.

The group has no membership as such, but a research team backed by a number of field investigators. Two communication flow exists between these two facets of the group and there are plans to publish a newsletter. There is also an annual symposium where members of the public are invited to see how ufo investigation is conducted.

CHRYSIS are most certainly well equipped - ready for any crisis one might say.

## NEWS ROUND-UP:

David Rees (MAPIT)

Well, hello again readers its newstime. Firstly let me tell you of a new publication entitled "UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENA NEWS BULLETIN" It will appear 4 times per year, with a provisional price of £1.20. Contact; Chris Rolfe 16 St Georges Place Dymchurch Kent. BUFORA announced its London lecture programme for 1978/79 recently. Held on the first Saturday each month September to June one date to note is May 5th 1979 when Roy Dutton, well known Cheshire researcher, talks of 'Probing the UFO timetable'. Details from 6 Cairn Avenue Ealing London W5 5HX.

Overseas UFO SPACE NEWSCLIPPING JOURNAL is a soon to appear US magazine. Consisting of world clippings editor Lindy Whitehurst (PO Box 45673 Dallas Texas 75245) would like help from you. Canadian ufologist Gene Duplantier wants help too. He's working on his second issue of UFOLK - the magazine about ufologists. He wants your photo and a brief synopsis of your work. The first issue only included three British ufologists so get clicking with those cameras (write to 17 Shetland St Willowdale Ontario Canada M2M 1X5. Readers who saw the recent ITV screening of "The UFO Incident" based on Betty and Barney Hill's alleged abduction may like to know it was first screened on NBC in the USA in September 1976. The idea came from James Earl Jones, who played Barney Hill in the film.

Back at home BUFORA YORKSHIRE are in business again. Their first meeting will be on September 4. Contact Trevor Whitaker for details. Bryan Hartley wants it to be known that he wishes to be considered an independant researcher, FAPURG, the erstwhile group thus ceasing to operate. But on a brighter side we welcome CUFORO (Coalville UFO Research Organisation) from Leicestershire. They look well organised. Address is:- Mark Brown 21 Stretton Drive Agar Nook Coalville Leics Tel: Coalville 31178 They will be helping to organise the big meeting with UAPROL and HAPI in Leicester on Sept 23. Dont forget that one. Lots of interesting talks (see enclosed leaflet) MAPIT had some recent publicity (North Cheshire Herald) which produced results. In Cumbria the South Lakeland UFOs & Leyline discussion group meets 2nd Monday of the month in Arnside. Details from V King-Williamson 23 St Johns Ave Silverdale Lancs. Finally you might like to get two most interesting tapes from Ivan Berg Associates. Entitled UFO and MYSTERY OF BORLEY RECTORY they retale about £3. Write to 35A Broadhurst Gardens London NW6 3QT. Keep that news coming into me.



In June/July 1953 Mr Alan Bell at work in his signalbox in Hexham, Northumbria, heard a strange noise. It began about 14.00 and the country air was filled with this roar like machines or jets. He rang his colleague in a box 5 miles away. He too could hear the noise. It remained for at least 1 hour, but he does not recall it disappearing. At 17.30 he ventured outside and saw a strange, silent object streak across the sky in a few seconds. It was grey, the size of an airliner at about 300 feet up. It had two short stubby wings, but no tail, windows or markings. It was most odd, he says. Alan has a psychic background and recalls an encounter in 1943 near Carlisle, Cumbria, whilst very young. He and his cousin saw a cowed figure which radiated hypnotic power whilst out in some fields. It sounds like a ghost, but he thinks it was a spacebeing. It was totally grey and the face was in the shape of a skull.



5508 August 1955 Jedburgh, Roxburgh 12.00 CE1 An C Ian Cresswell

#### UFO HAS FRIGHTENING EFFECTS ON DOG

Mr R Wade, who at the time was an NCO in the Air Training Cadets, was combining in a field near where he lived at the time. His dog was at this time eating a sandwich. Suddenly she began to quiver and shake and ran off with her tail between her legs. Looking around to see what had frightened her he saw a silver 'airship' coming out of a cloud above a rise. It was unlike anything he had seen before with a large blue window in the nose and a row of portholes on the bottom emitting alternately, blue and orange/red light. It was about 40 feet long and 25 feet wide and moved slowly (about 10mph). It was in view 10 minutes drifting out of one cloud and into another. There was no sound and it drifted into another cloud. On arrival home the dog was waiting, still shaking. It never recovered, degenerated into having fits and died two months later. Even if this were an airship, which despite the witnesses' observational knowledge of such things it could conceivably be, the effects on the animal are most interesting.



6208 ??? 1962 Pitlington, Durham 21.30 MED B Dirk Van Der Werff

Remember the recent Toyota TV ad? Aliens inspect car and occupants with a beam from a hovering UFO. Jim Merrington claims it really happened to him 16 years ago. Driving along a minor road alone his car was suddenly enveloped in white light and a harsh whistling noise surrounded it. Winding his window down he peered fearfully out but could see nothing through the glare. Thinking at first that a helicopter was buzzing him he quickly discounted this when it stuck to him like glue as he wound down the twists and curves of the road. After  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile he finally decided to have a look. He stopped, put one foot outside the door and with a wooshing sound the light retracted upwards. IT WAS DRAWN IN it did NOT go out suddenly. There were no after effects and Jin, who was a journalist at the time, decided it was wise not to file a story on it. A few months previous, close to the same spot, he had had another frightening encounter when his car ploughed into an old man in the middle of the road, only for no bump to be felt and the man to disappear. He later learnt that an old man had been knocked down and killed there and the spot was reputedly haunted!

7127 October 1971 Blackpool, Lancs 03.00 MED C FAPURG

A teenage girl locked out by her mother after a row sat watching stars when she saw one a lot bigger, brighter and lower in the SE. It moved in an arc and hovered above her house. Then it let out a long beam of light which roamed across the sky erratically for an hour as if searching. Then came a noise like engines revving and the light shot into the sky and vanished upwards, the noise diminishing.

7341 February 26 1973 Brigg, S. Humberside pm MED D SUFORS

On a shopping expedition in the afternoon two women saw a pulsating pink cigar in the NW. It moved W slowly and changed from vertical to horizontal orientation as they watched. Their husbands and one woman's parents saw the latter stages also.

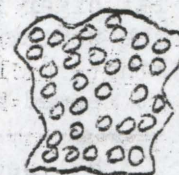
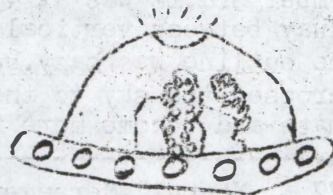


TERRIFYING ENCOUNTER WITH JELLYLIKE ENTITIES CE3 Report Andy Collins (UFOIN)

This encounter will be featured in detail in FSR, and involves a most unusual and frightening experience that befell Trevor, a teenage boy from Essex, whilst on holiday with his parents in the mid-wales mountains on July 22 1975.

At 17.00 they were in the vicinity of Machynelleth in Powys and Trevor, being a loner, decided to climb up nearby Wyfla Hill. At the brow he saw a strange object on the ground before him and hid behind a rock to watch. He observed a rounded object, about 40 feet in diameter and 7 or 8 feet high, with a row of about 7 lights on the base that gave out light of a colour he had never seen before. They cast no glow. Inset on the base was a rounded transparent dome with a large light on the top inside (again of an unknown hue). In the centre was a seemingly metallic 'control panel' of complex shape.

Inside the dome were two 'entities' looking like lumps of translucent white jelly made up of hundreds of tiny 'doughnuts' (cf Mrs Lainchbury CE4 from Little Lever). These were changing shape at the edges like an amoeba.



Suddenly a panel swivelled open on the base of the object and one entity began to 'float' towards it and begin to descend outwards. Trevor, not suprisingly, ran a mile! He ran to the base of the hill where his father attests he said, "You won't believe me - come on". He then ran back up the hill, but his father did not follow. He did see him lie on the grass for a few moments and then return, totally petrified, saying "A jellyman got out of it".

On his second trip back the boy had seen both jellymen back inside, heard a noise like a car quietly revving up and saw the lights begin to flash faster and faster in the colours of earth and sky, before enveloping the whole craft, which then just 'blended in' with the surroundings and vanished. Trevor finds it immensely difficult to describe this process.

The horrific after effects soon set in. He became blind in one eye, changed from a quiet to aggressive boy and became so ill that he had to have extensive psychiatric treatment (which he still undergoes). Whatever the cause there is no doubt about the effects.

PLEASE, MR SPACEMAN, MAY I SEE YOUR UFO CE4 Report by Dirk Van Der Werff (UFOIN)

Another report to be given full treatment elsewhere. It involves Rodney Stewart, a man in his early twenties, who meditated and asked the ufonauts to provide a UFO experience for him. Lo and behold he had two - both of only medium strangeness, involving lights that cavorted about the Summer 1976 skies at his home in South Shields, Tyneside. He says he has never asked for 'proof' since, but appears to possess numerous psychic faculties and has once 'conjured up' a scene from the past and performed telekinesis where an object was made to disappear involuntarily.

76/154 Junw 1976 Gnossal, Staffs 22.15 MED A UFORA Staffs

Three witnesses driving home from North Wales encountered an object on a dark road that took off from a field and climbed straight into the sky directly over their car. It was 30' in diameter, round and with dozens of lights on the underside perimeter. There were no effects.



76/155 November 1976 Annan, Dumfries pm CE1 Physio C. Ian Cresswell

Single witness walking home one crisp night saw bright blue light approach from S. It stopped overhead and was visible as a pulsating oval about 25 feet in diameter. The air was charged with static and his hair crackled and spinal column tingled. Object hovered approximately ten minutes then shot off N with a whooshing noise.



77/281 November 1 1977 S.Cheshire 00.10 MED A FUFOR

Mrs S eas ascending Wirswall Bank when she saw an intensely bright white cigar travelling very fast in an arc,It was in view 3/4 seconds only.A few miles away at Wrenbury Mrs K,an independant witness,saw what appears to be the same thing. A white cigar appeared in the SW at elevation 30 degrees,then suddenly arced to the NE and vanished.~~Rafar~~ feel an astronomical explanation is possible and would appreciate help from any people who might have an explanation.

77/282 November 3 1977 Crewe,Cheshire 12.15 MED A FUFOR

Mr Alan Davies and his mother observed an object through window glass on the warm sunny day of November 3rd.It was at 45 degree elevation and shaped like a fat cigar inclined midway between vertical and horizontal.It glowed silver in the western sky but the outline was hazy.Both witnesses watched for about a minute as the object crossed the sky to the NW.Before disappearing over rooftops it seemed to change shape and become more rounded.

77/283 December 1977 Maghull,Merseyside 21.30 MED C WUFOS

Two young boys in the shopping centre caught sight of a bright round light in the S elevation 35 degrees.It was the apparant size of 1 penny at arms length.It was stationary for about ten seconds and then accelerated away at tremendous speed in an E to W direction.

77/284 December 31 1977 Gullane,E.Loathian 16.00 MED D SMIO

Mr Laidlaw Bell was driving home from North Berwick to Gullane when he spotted a black shape just above the clouds (therefore at about 3500 feet).It was like an ovoid or squashed out orange and was perfectly motionless.He observed it for four minutes but the cloud cover intensified and it was then lost.There was quite a moderate wind,as is shown by the cloud movements,and this tends to rule against the hypothesis that it might be a cloud itself or a weather balloon.Object remains unidentified.

7876 January 11 1978 Squires Gate,Lancs 07.10 MED C FAPURG

Derek Watson and his foreman were travelling to work and had got out of their van in the early morning gloom to buy a newspaper.At 75 degree elevation they saw a greyish white oval object the size of a 2p piece at arms length.A second similar object was by its side.They moved very shortly in a straight line heading SE and kept alternating.One would go out,the other would continue along,then it would go out and the other appear ahead of it.They were virtually overhead after being in view about four minutes when they just disappeared.There was extensive cloud cover and the objects seemed to be above the cloud.

#### ANOTHER UFO PLUS BEAM OF LIGHT

Report by Paul Murray of UFOIN

This case bears similarities with previously recorded cases,such as the episode from Partington,Greater Manchester (see last issue) and,most specifically,the Mytchett UFO recorded by Omar Fowler of SIGAP and UFOIN in the current issue of FSR.This case involves the four members of the Fisher family,who on January 29 1978 at approximately 23.00 were travelling along the M8 from Edinburgh towards their Lanarkshire home.Just before the Livingston turn off they saw what at first they took to be an aircraft.It was an intensely bright white light.This was lost for a few seconds and then they turned a corner and saw hovering over desolate fields about 150 feet up a dark shape with four red lights on the underside and a very bright white searchlight beam on the front,apparantly sweeping the ground. The shape behind it was obscured but it appeared roughly rounded.The UFO moved on slowly north to south,stopping several times to hover and sweep the beam.It was in view four minutes before they drove by.Windows were wound down to listen but there was no sound even at their closest point to the object.Weather was clear with no moon or stars visible.



7878 February 1978 Macclesfield, Cheshire 19.30 MED B UFORA Staffs

An extremely well qualified young man (6 'A' levels and 11 'O' levels!) was on a train passing through Macclesfield when he saw a dark object in the NW over the town. It had a row of coloured lights around it, reds, blues, greens and whites, and did not move for about 4/5 minutes. Elevation was 30 degrees and witness did all he could to ensure this was no ground light or reflection on the window. Object was lost when the track turned away from it. Still stationary. ✓

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7879 February 5 1978 Southport, Merseyside 17.10 MED C FAPURG

A man returning from an afternoons birdwatching observed a silver light the size of a golfball at arms length in the N. It seemed stationary at first and then moved slowly NE. Through binoculars he was able to see it was a silvery disc with a row of circular grooves on top and light emanating from the whole surface. It was in view 2-3 minutes in all before going out of sight behind a church tower. ✓

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FRIGHTENING CHASE THROUGH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE 7880 Report SUFORS CE1 Physio

Terry Rennie is a lorry driver. At 4.30am on March 20 1978 he set off from Horncastle Lincolnshire with a load of paper sacks when he encountered a watery yellow egg shape to the right of his cab. It seemed to come down closer and he saw that it was spinning in the centre and casting a curtain of light onto the ground. It paced the lorry as he drove on, now very close and 15 times the size of the full moon. The hair on the back of his neck stood up, sweat poured down, yet he sensed an impression in his mind not to be afraid - but afraid he was. He stopped once, and the object also stopped. At Langton he stopped at a callbox and made a 999 call. The police told him to stay where he was. The call was logged at 4.45. The object disappeared during this phase, whilst Terry flagged down another lorry that passed. The driver told him it was the moon and he had seen it too (moon set at just after 4AM and was not full). After he had gone the object came back but as lights from an approaching vehicle appeared it made a swishing noise and accelerated and climbed away towards Lincoln.

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7881 March 27 1978 Scunthorpe, Sth Humber 22.35 INST/P A SUFORS

Andrew Middlebrook observed a brilliant white light from his backyard crossing the sky in a straight path from the S, elevation 35 degrees. He had a German Werra camera and took four 14 second time exposures of the bright light (which was in view a total of five minutes). The bright light is clearly visible on the developed prints but investigators see no reason to believe this is anything other than an aircraft or a satellite.

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7882 April 14 1978 Nantwich, Cheshire 20.35 LOW A FUFOR

On this date Mark Tyrrell and his wife were sat in an inn when they noticed a brilliant white light in the E, elevation 12 degrees, moving NNW on a slow steady flight path (apparently too slow to be an aircraft). Seen in total for 1½ minutes. Nott too exciting, agreed, .... but remember the encounter at Stafford (7851) and the personal encounter of Jenny Randles at Irlam (7845). The directions, paths and motions of these independent sightings make interesting reading on a map.

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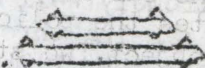
ANOTHER SCENE FROM CLOSE ENCOUNTERS - 'Take Two' WUFOS Report 7883

Its most interesting how the phenomenon mirrors ourselves almost tongue in cheek. Remember the giant UFO (as per Close Encounters) over Partington. Now we have another scene - the night pursuit. On a night in May 1978 a neighbour of Mr & Mrs Cassidy in St Helens, Merseyside was putting his children to bed when he heard a buzzing noise. Searching the house he could find nothing, but on opening the window saw a red ball hovering. He told the Cassidy's and all went outside to watch it move off slowly towards Bold Power Station. Going back in for the children they all set off in the car in pursuit (despite all witnesses wearing nightclothes!). Within a few minutes the police stopped them, suspicious of their motives, and they lost sight of the object. Two strange, unknown, men visited two days later quizzing about the story. They wore ordinary clothes and claimed to be UFO investigators - origin unknown.



7884 June 8 1978 Catterick, N.Yorks 23.30 MED CHRYSLIS

A man and wife headed south on the A1M spotted two very bright lights to the E of their car. They lost sight for a moment and then spotted two dark cigar shapes about 300 feet away, one slightly to the rear and above the other. Both were coloured in a multitude of lights, and drifted very slowly N. They seemed about 150 feet long and 10 feet in diameter with fins at either end. The woman saw them most clearly as she was not driving and said the lights pulsed. The disappearance of the objects was not seen. Total duration of seeing the objects about 20 seconds. Catterick camp say there was nothing in the area at the time to explain what was seen.



7885 June 26 1978 Stafford, Staffs 22.25 LOW A UFORA STAFFS

Mrs Snape was just going to bed when she saw a bright yellow light in the W. It moved very slowly NW and then hovered for about 15 minutes over some chimneys sparkling like diamonds. It was the apparant size of a halfpenny and at elevation 10 degrees. It then moved off at a steeper angle and was lost to view after about 50 minutes. Her husband, who had come to bed after watching a film, saw the last few minutes of the observation when the light was no more than a star.

7886 July 1978 Stoke, Staffs 14.00 LOW A UFORA STAFFS

An intelligent man was reading in his garden on a clear afternoon when he saw a small starlike light in the N, elevation 60 degrees. It was coloured yellowish and drifted slowly to the W, apparantly stopping once. It was lost to sight after about 3 minutes behind houses and was probably a weather balloon.

7887 July 3 1978 Louth, Lincs 21.00 MED D SUFORS

Mrs Jenkinson and a friend playing tennis observed a flat silver oval in the sky, apparantly reflecting sunlight and moving in the western sky heading northwards on a straight trajectory. It was in view five minutes. A few minutes later Mrs Jenkinson saw a similar object also moving N, but in the eastern sky.

#### ANOTHER LINCOLNSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY CHASE Report by Nigel Watson UFOIN

Anne Kirk had spent a holiday in Skegness and her brother and sister in law had picked her up in their car to take her home to Scunthorpe. It was 23.00 on July 3 1978 and they had just passed through Market Rasen, Lincs when they noticed the strange object over some fields by the roadside. It consisted of two white lights with a rounded bulk behind them. They stopped the car and got out to watch. It was about 150 feet away and 40-50 feet above ground level. They drove away frightened. As they passed it by it started to move and paced the car to their west. It seemed to move 'sideays' keeping the 'headlights' towards them. As they approached the B road they were to take to Scunthorpe it veered towards them and so they took the A road instead. As it approached them red, green and orange lights lit up around its circumference. It passed overhead the car. They stopped by a cottage. As they did this the UFO shot away to the SSE and it dimmed into the distance. Deciding not to try to explain to the occupants of the cottage they drive off, but a few moments later the UFO reappeared and paced the car to Scawby Brook where it hovered over the road ahead and then accelerated towards them. They turned away from it and drove off very fast and lost sight of it as they approached Scunthorpe.



7889 July 14 1978 Swynnerton, Staffs 21.00 LOW C UFORA STAFFS

Single witness reports a black dot on the face of the sun as it was setting. Visible 20 seconds before being obscured by cloud. Probably a large sunspot.